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Subject: RE: thoughts on 2 follow-up items for CHB?

I do not believe that Tacoma "gets their GW from beneath the STF site." This site has been cleaned up for 20 years and the City is currently evaluating the stormwater controls necessary for any proposed development.

Typically Health Departments manage fish consumption signs – it is WDOH for LDW. So maybe WDOH or TPCHD for Commencement Bay. Recently the CHAs updated signs with the Port of Seattle, and then ran these by DOH, so that is another way to get the ball rolling if CHB wants to work with community users to do this. My impression of DOH and local health departments is they are still busy with COVID, etc.

UW was NOT renewed as a Superfund Research Program (SRP), but last years contract was extended a few months as I recall. There may be someone at UW-Tacoma that could do a Fishers Study that is not of the SRP work, and the one done for LDW is an example that could be used.

Kristine can respond, but I don't think there is any risk of recreation (boating, swimming) in the Thea Foss. Cleanup levels were for sediments primarily. Educational signage which states legacy and cleanup information and safe uses for SF sites is always good in the midst of cities IMO.



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Subject: thoughts on 2 follow-up items for CHB?

Hi, all –

I wanted to check in to see what information or insights you have on these two items that I wanted to follow up on with CHB. If you have an answer to these items that I can share with CHB, that'd be great.

- fish consumption. They would be interested in a **fishers (and/or recreational users) study**. I don't know if one of the universities that are part of the Superfund Research Program would or could assist with this, or if ORD could do this as a research project. If there was one, would or could we act on any of the findings or recommendations coming out of it?

- **signage:** they asked if it could be updated along the Foss and Dick Gilmour Park. They've seen kids in the water at Thea Foss Park. They are concerned that the signage is old and insufficient, especially in communicating risks at the sites. ***Is it TPCHD that would revise or replace the signage? Who handles this?*** If signage could be replaced, it would be good to work with CHB and those who use the areas to improve the signage.

Thanks! – Julie

From: Congdon, Julie

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Subject: summary of my visit with Communities for a Healthy Bay

Hi, all –

Sorry for the long delay in sending you these notes; I was swamped before leaving (b) (6) and I've been wading through emails and work since getting back.

I met with Erin, Marquis and Phyllis at CHB on June 3rd morning at their offices. It was great to talk with them and hear what is of interest to them, their perspective, etc.

- In asking them about the proposed partial deletion and the timing of outreach, including coinciding with the proposed public comment period for the partial deletion in August (as it was at that time; the proposal is now on pause), they felt that the City was putting out the documentary to highlight their cleanup work in CB/NT.
- They don't feel there is a lot of information on Ruston and Asarco. Phyllis said she has spoken with some community members, both long-term residents and new ones, who have no knowledge about the Asarco contamination.
- Regarding the South Tacoma Channel, they said the City gets water from the aquifer underneath the proposed warehouse area, and that the community is *very concerned* about the development (as you know, Emily, Piper and Rebecca).
- They said the Occidental Site is of concern too...
- ...as is fish consumption. They would be interested in a **fishers (and/or recreational users) study**. I don't know if one of the universities that are part of the Superfund Research Program would or could assist with this, or if ORD could do this as a research project. If there was one, would or could we act on any of the findings or recommendations coming out of it?
- For long term involvement with the community, they would like to incorporate visioning about what the sites can be. Regarding reuse/redevelopment, they would like to see a focus on recreation. In thinking of recreation and use at the sites, with Blair Waterway as an example, they said that no one goes to Blair *but* they do use the Foss but users want to know it's safe.
They are concerned that, by taking an OU like the Foss off the NPL, people will think that it's safe but will their usage increase their risk? That was their question.
- They are also concerned about contaminated stormwater.
- **One ask they had** was regarding **signage:** they asked if it could be updated along the Foss and Dick Gilmour Park. They've seen kids in the water at Thea Foss Park. They are concerned that the signage is old and insufficient, especially in communicating risks at the sites. ***Is it TPCHD that would revise or replace the signage? Who handles this?*** If signage could be replaced, it would be good to work with CHB and those who use the areas to improve the signage.
- Community groups they suggested that we work with or reach out to included the Asia Pacific Cultural Center/Community House and the Tacoma Urban League.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and

if any of you can help me in answering the questions about a fishers/recreational users study and about the signage, that would be great.

Thanks! – Julie

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